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Dear Ms. Kandra:

Thank you very much for your prompt and complete response to my letter. I will enjoy reviewing all of the attached information you sent.

However, one does not have to go beyond the first page of the *CVM Update* to catch a point of concern for many of us consumers. Specifically, the quote "... CVM determined that use of Posilac caused a small increase in the incidence of mastitis and an increase in the use of medications for mastitis and other health problems." This is OK with you?

It certainly sounds inhumane to me to countenance unhealthy livestock; and surely the extra medications in the cow (and thus the cow's product) are not desirable. Just the concern of greater indiscriminate uptake of antibiotics in the dairy products we consume should be enough to cause reconsideration of the use of bST.

Also, cows already produce more milk than is good for them. This is just so that farmers can get more product per fewer heads to maintain.

Therefore, as one consumer, at this time I'd have to reiterate my request that the FDA reconsider approval of bST.

Thank you for your attention,



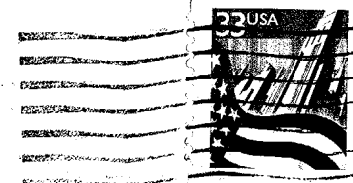
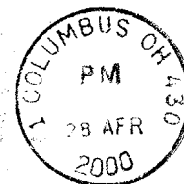
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P.S. A friend of mine who thought she was lactose-intolerant visited Australia recently and found that she could consume the milk products there quite well. When she mentioned it to an Australian, he replied that they were aware that their milk was easier to assimilate than American milk, which he said is artificially produced and overly processed.

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